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SUGGESTED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

To comply with the 5/25 rules effective 01 November, the undersigned suggests the following restriction requirement and makes the following election:

Restriction would be to one of:

Group I (claims 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 25, 39, 40, 41, and 42, directed to an oral pharmaceutical composition);

Group II (claims 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, directed to a method for controlling the release profile of an active compound in the intestinal tract);

Group III (claims 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35, directed to a method of treating a disorder of the intestinal tract of a patient).

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The undersigned elects Group I (directed to an oral pharmaceutical composition).

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